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Changing Intelligence Priorities

New authority given the Director of Central Intelligence has created a massive monolith of power; here's an overview

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There's a new kid on the block, and to residents of his community, he looks about nine feet tall. He's the Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral Stansfield Turner, and an executive order signed by President Carter in January 1978 has given him authority to direct all tasking of the intelligence community collection elements and responsibility for developing the total national foreign intelligence program budget.

Since the DCI is also head of the CIA, this reorganization represents a formidable concentration of power for the agency. The intelligence community falling under DCI's control is extensive and pervasive. It includes the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); National Reconnaissance Office (NRO); National Security Agency (NSA); Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA); Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State; and intelli-

gence elements of the military services, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Departments of Treasury and Energy, and Drug Enforcement Administration. The new organizational diagram shows this concentration as a combination of CIA functions and additional staff elements made up of other parts of the intelligence community's monolith.

CIA/DCI partnership. Currently, the CIA accounts for less than 15% of total US intelligence expenditures and personnel. But, despite the small size of the agency, the head of CIA is not only head of his agency but also the Director of Central Intelligence as provided for under terms of the National Security Act of 1947. Now, as the new titular chief of the entire community, there is a growing fear in the Pentagon that the DCI may soon spirit away some of the Defense Department's cherished assets for use by the CIA.

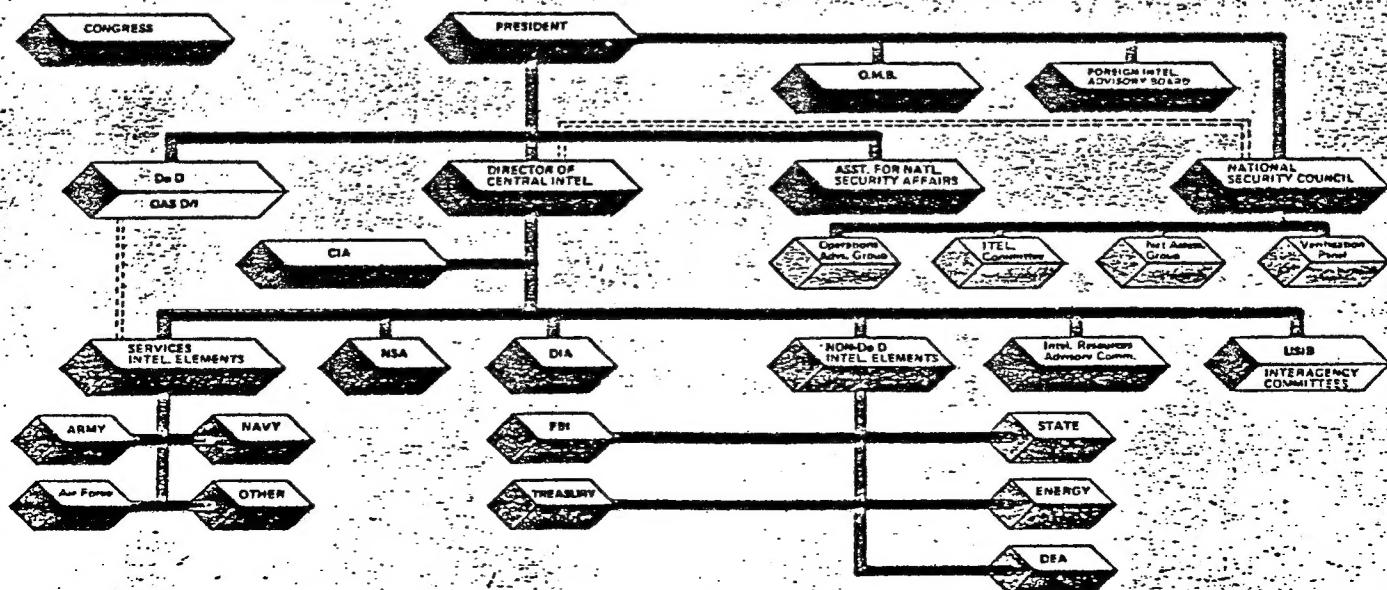
The DCI, as a part of his monarchy, has four deputies (three of them

to the DCI for Collection Tasking (D/DCI/CT), and deputy to the DCI for Resource Management (D/DCI/RM).

Additional controls have been placed on the CIA. The new Intelligence Oversight Board, functioning from within the White House, reviews practices and procedures of the agency as to legality. Also, the "40 Committee" has been strengthened and renamed the Operations Advisory Group, and is charged with approving covert and high-risk operations.

Analysis of the new intelligence community organization reveals a massive monolith of power structures within power structures, all headed by, according to intelligence insiders, the new intelligence czar.

Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA is organized into five elements, consisting of the office of



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